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Letter dated 11 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 9th plenary meeting of its fifty-fifth session pertaining to the allocation of itemsto the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/55/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 9th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 49 and the relevant part of paragraph 64 of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 65).
2. Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States (item 66).
3. Maintenance of international security (item 67):
   (a) Prevention of the violent disintegration of States;
   (b) Stability and development of South-Eastern Europe.
4. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (item 68).
5. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 69).
6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 70).
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 71).
8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 72).
9. General and complete disarmament (item 73):

   [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/55/284), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 73]

   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
   (b) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;
   (c) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;
   (d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;
   (e) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;
   (f) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;
   (g) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
   (h) Missiles;
   (i) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;
   (j) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;
   (k) Transparency in armaments;

(l) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(m) Reducing nuclear danger;

(n) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(o) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(p) Regional disarmament;

(q) Nuclear disarmament;

(r) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(s) Illicit traffic in small arms;

(t) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(u) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(v) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(w) Small arms.

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 74):

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(g) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(h) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services.

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 75):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(e) Disarmament Week.

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 76).

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 77).

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 78).

15. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 79).

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 80).

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 81).